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## MERCER EXPLAINS AID OFFERED BY SALINAS EMPLOYMENT OFFICES

Bob Mercer, manager of the Salinas Employment Service Office, stated that the following services are now available to employers, workers, and the community: The employer will have advantage of the widest possible choice of available qualified veterans and other job seekers, and if qualified workers are locally available the chances of readily reaching them are better through the USES than by other means. If needed, inter-area recruitment is available State-wide or Nation-wide.

He can expect that trained interviewers will take his orders for workers on a basis of actual job requirements. Also that he will be asked to list all job openings with the local office.

He can expect that the USES will refer workers only on the basis of qualifications for specific job orders—taking into consideration the applicant's experience, training and abilities, and that veterans will receive priority in referral.

He can expect expeditious and courteous service and that the service will be on a professional level. Also, the employer can expect the local office to keep in touch with him concerning the status of his order. If no action is possible, the employer should be informed and appropriate actions developed.

He can do selective hiring without the time and expense of interviewing large numbers of unqualified applicants for a limited number of jobs since the USES screens out all but qualified workers available for a particular job.

He can expect that the local USES office will assist him in making the most productive use of his labor force through the use of and dissemination of effective personnel information, practices and techniques.

He can expect to get timely labor market information which is available in the local office and thus aid him in his planning because it tells him of current employment conditions, trends, and changes in the local labor market. The worker will receive prompt, courteous, and efficient placement service by trained professional personnel.

He can expect that he will be given full consideration and offered referral to the best jobs available in his field of work. Also, if the proper kind of job is not available, that the USES will continue to keep his application on file so he may be considered for orders as they come in.

He can expect that the full facilities of the local office are available to him including full job information, occupational analysis tools, employment counseling, referral to training or rehabilitation agencies if such need is indicated; if handicapped, that he will have the benefit of selective placement technique; if a minority group applicant, that he will be given the same service accorded to any other worker and that he will be referred on the basis of his qualifications; if a veteran, that he can expect and will receive special services, and aggressive and complete placement service.

He can expect that the local office will save him time, money, and effort in his search for employment.

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of the local office with labor organizations consistent with established policies and procedures.

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He can expect to get vital labor market information which is available in the local office and which helps speed reconversion of industry and more rapid re-employment of veterans, displaced workers, and others. To the worker this is a source of advice on job prospects.

The community can expect that through USES job counseling services, veterans and others in need of training or rehabilitation will be advised and referred to such services rather than immediately to employers for jobs. Because of effective placement activities that public funds will be conserved which otherwise would be expended on unemployment compensation and public assistance.

Full co-operation with school officials, labor unions, governmental and other community agencies to assure that local training curricula are geared to local employment opportunities and job requirements.

Community can expect that the local office will assist in making the most productive use of the community's labor force and assist in providing stability of employment. This includes co-operation with local Unemployment Insurance Staff in registering claimants for work and applying work-test to claimants.

Can expect to get accurate labor market information from the local office which will serve to guide community action and make possible orderly planning to meet local employment maladjustments, bring in new industry, provide data for housing, child care, transportation, and other community facilities.

Mercer also said most of these services have been available during the war period, especially co-operation with all organizations and agencies, and believed this policy would continue after November 15th when the service is transferred from Federal to State operation.

## STEEL HOUSES FOR VETERANS READY TO GO

Veterans who reside in the Salinas area shortly will have steel housing units for residences, reports George Harter, business agent of Carpenters Union 925.

Harter announced that the Federal Public Housing Authority, working through the Monterey County Housing Authority, has plans to erect 100 of the all-steel units, which have celotex linings and plywood floors.

The houses will be erected at the rear of lots purchased by the veterans, who in turn lease the lots to the government and then pay rental on the housing units.

Four such steel homes are already erected in the Spreckels area by union carpenters, who have jurisdiction over gunset-type huts. The new steel units are of the gable type, Harter added.

## Veteran Affairs Talk Scheduled In Salinas Oct. 10

Dick McCollister, chairman of the Interim Military Affairs Committee and member of the State Assembly Military Affairs Committee, will be guest at a public meeting at the County Court House in Salinas next Thursday night to discuss legislation affecting the welfare of veterans.

The Salinas Valley Veterans Service Council has invited all labor groups to present any problems relating to veterans affairs in writing at this public meeting. Charles H. Greenwood is chairman of the council, with L.R. Mercer, secretary. Visit of McCollister was arranged by Assemblyman Fred Emlay.

## Apprentice Council Hits Vet Pay Cuts

In a resolution adopted last week and being sent to organizations throughout the nation, the Salinas General Apprenticeship Council voted to petition the United States Government to do away with veterans legislation which limit possible earnings to veteran apprentices to \$200 a month if married, \$175 if single.

The resolution, self explanatory, is as follows:

WHEREAS, Public Law 679 of the 79th Congress has amended certain portions of the Service-men's Re-establishment Act insofar as on-the-job training is concerned, and,

WHEREAS, limitation in overall earnings imposed by such law discourages legitimate on-the-job training and individual initiative, and,

WHEREAS, due consideration has not been given to the cost of living based upon decent minimum standards, and,

WHEREAS, due consideration has not been given to the allowance of sufficient time for training for certain occupations, not apprenticeship,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Salinas General Apprenticeship Council and Advisory Committee of the Building Trades in executive session at its regular meeting, September 13, 1946, hereby instructs Mr. George Harter, Chairman, to petition our United States Senators and Congressmen and candidates for such offices to take effective action immediately upon the convening of the 80th Congress to amend Public Law 679—79th Congress, Chapter 886—2nd Session (S. 2477) as follows:

Section 2, Paragraph 6, the elimination of "Provided, that in no event shall the rate of such allowance plus the compensation received exceed \$175.00 per month for a veteran without a dependent, or \$200.00 per month if he has a dependent, or dependents," substituting therefor:

"Provided, that in no event shall the rate of such allowance plus compensation for the normal work-week (exclusive of all overtime or income from other employment) received exceed for bona fide apprenticeship the journeyman's wage for a normal work week for the craft in which indentured; for other on-the-job trainees whichever is lower; the highest bona fide journeyman scale prevailing in the community in which the trainee is employed or the employers minimum entry wage for an experienced worker; in the occupation for which the trainee is receiving training."

Section 3, Paragraph 11, Sub-section (b) 2 c, substituting for present section c, the following:

The job customarily requires a period of training of not less than three months and not more than four years of full-time training.

AND be it further resolved that all interested organizations such as district, State and International Labor Unions, Veteran organizations, etc., be advised of the action taken herewith and be urged to initiate similar action.

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The balloting will be during the "light of the moon," while cannery workers are idle.

Canning of Sardines has been slow, anyway, due to poor catches but plants are packing mackerel and squid during the slack period.

Business Agent Caveny has been suffering for some time from an old injury to his foot, new complications having set in recently.

Apprentice Growth

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Increasing at the rate of 8.9 percent in one month, the number of apprentices in the building trades rose to 67,387 at the end of August. This was announced by William F. Patterson, Director of the Apprentice Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor.

## High Increase In Pay Shown Largely Myth

Washington, D. C.

Contrary to the popular belief stemming from the cries of business interests, U.S. workers have not uniformly enjoyed an average wage increase of 18.5c an hour since V-J day.

Official Bureau of Labor Statistics figures show that 21.3 per cent of all workers received no general wage increase at all—that is more than one out of every five employees.

On top of that, in the wholesale, retail, financial, real estate, utility and service trades, the percentage that received nothing in the way of a higher general wage came close to 60%; the official BLS figure being 59.3%.

HOW IT AVERAGED

In the strictly manufacturing industries, according to Commissioner Ewan Clague of BLS, "about 20% of all workers were affected by general increases of less than 10c an hour," and another 20% received from 10 to 15c, and 28% got 15 to 18.5c an hour-increases.

Workers in all trade, service, finance and public utility industries had an average increase since V-J Day of somewhat less than 3.5c an hour, the BLS found, while no "general revisions in basic wage scales were indicated for almost half the workers in wholesale trade and for an even higher proportion in other lines of service and trade."

COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

BLS figures are based on a study of 6600 establishments and only general or across-the-board boosts made at one time and affecting 10% or more of the workers in an individual establishment were included.

In tobacco factories, only 27% of the workers had between 7 and 8c as their increase, while 16% had a maximum increase of 6c an hour.

Furniture and lumber workers comprising 66% of the industry's payroll got 11c an hour or less with 24% of those finding only 6c an hour more in their checks.

## FILM OFFICE WORKERS GET WEEKLY HIKE

New York, N.Y.

Just like in the movies, office employees of the major studios here won a happy ending to their fight for a wage increase after they had threatened to strike.

Salary increases ranging from \$6 to \$15 a week were granted to the 3000 home office movie employees and screen publicists in new agreements signed with Paramount, Loew's-MGM, Columbia, 20th Century-Fox, RKO Pictures, RKO Radio Service, United Artists, Republic, Warner Bros. and Universal.

The agreements, ratified by the locals, involved, also provide for a 15% increase in the minimum of all job classifications. Additional increases in take-home pay were assured through cutting the work week from 40 to 37½ hours with time-and-a-half for overtime.

Settlement came only after union members had taken strike votes and full preparations for a walkout completed under the direction of national strategy and strike committee.

Whitney Takes Dig at Truman

Miami, Florida.

Sharply denouncing Pres. Truman for smashing the railroad strike last May and blasting Congress for "repudiating its pledges," Pres. A. F. Whitney of the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) told the BRT's 28th convention that railroad men must increase their political activity to see that there are "good men in politics."

Keynoting the convention, Whitney told the 1046 delegates that labor must formulate a program to counter the "work, fight and die for Wall St. profits" policies of big business, which is running the country.

The end of the war, he said, has not brought an end to Fascism, which shows itself in the "high cost of living which greedy and brutal men have forced upon the people. It is the failure of victory thus far to yield the fruit we fought for. It is behind the war talk which fills the newspapers every day."

## STATE EMPLOYMENT PICTURE BRIGHTER; FALL SLUMP FEARED

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. In a report compiled by the research staffs of the State Department of Industrial Relations, the State Department of Employment, and the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission, unemployment in California is estimated to have decreased to between 350,000 and 390,000 at the end of July. This represents a reduction of about 60,000 from the end of June.

The seasonal additions of young workers to the labor force during July were smaller than in June and were partly offset by withdrawal of others from the labor market. Unemployment in relation to the population was higher in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties than anywhere else in the state.

DECLINE IN BENEFITS

Unemployment insurance claims by non-veterans declined from 170,000 at the end of June to 137,000 at the end of July. Part of this decrease, however, was caused by exhaustion of benefit rights. There was some reduction in initial claims which represent new unemployment, but the figure is still about 15,000 each week. Practically no change occurred in the number of claims filed by World War II veterans, which remained at about 95,000 each week during July. Similarly, initial claims for the veterans showed little change, numbering about 10,000 in the last week of July. A further large decrease in unemployment is anticipated during August, probably about 50,000 below the total at the end of July.

The large turnover reported among the unemployed is being caused partly by material shortages forcing temporary shutdowns, or curtailing of operations. Return of unemployed young workers and veterans to schools may result in further reductions in unemployment in September.

MORE JOBLESS IN FALL

Employment declines, however, as they have been estimated for October and November, foreshadow a probable rise in unemployment this fall, along with the seasonal reduction in the labor force.

Combined reports reveal that civilian employment in California is now higher than at V-J Day and is approximately the same at the wartime peak in 1943. In August 1946, a million more workers had jobs in California than were employed in April 1940. The July estimates placed the state's total civilian employment at 3,414,000, an increase of 82,000 over June, and with non-agricultural employment at 3,019,000, a rise of 52,000 over June. The bulk of the increase occurred in agriculture and manufacturing. Gains in agriculture, manufacturing and trade caused total and non-agricultural employment to decline, while shortage of construction materials continues to retard expansion in building. Decline in government employment is beginning, as a decrease of 6000 civilian employees of the federal government in the state from June to July is reported. Further reductions are expected in September and October.

SEASONAL SITUATION

Insofar as employment outlook is concerned, the report reveals that the seasonal decline that occurs in California employment in October and November will make itself felt after most of the crops are harvested and food canning operations have con'tacted. At best, total employment in October is estimated at 3,484,000, and for November 3,403,000.

The report claims that "the distortion of the state's prewar employment pattern by the huge wartime expansion of aircraft manufacturing, shipbuilding and other war industries in June 1943 has now been eliminated," and that the distribution of employment among the four major economic divisions: extraction, conversion, distribution and services, is practically the same, prewar and postwar.

Observing the employment outlook are the numerous uncertainties resulting from international relations, instability of prices and their tendency to rise. These uncertainties in the whole national and international picture are bound to be determining, and directly as well as indirectly, will affect employment in California.

Chicago Union Chief Honored By Government

Washington, D.C.

Sec. Joseph D. Keenan of the Chicago Federation of Labor was among 17 members of the War Production Board honored by presidential award of the Medal of Merit "in recognition of their outstanding services in the war effort."

The medals were presented at a luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel by Sec. of War Robert Patterson, who read citations accompanying the awards. Keenan's citation said in part:

"Mr. Keenan, as labor relations counselor and as vice-chairman for labor production in the WPB, gave unstintingly in his efforts to produce the necessary labor requirements of the war effort."

Through this important work he became a great asset to the nation in effecting the continuation of full time employment in relation to war production."

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Renewed Fight To Smash Poll Tax in South

Chicago, Illinois.

The AFL plans a renewed fight for abolition of the poll tax and revival of the FEPC, Pres. William Green told the opening session of the biennial convention of the Bro. of Sleeping Car Porters here.

He warned the delegates against communists who, he said, attempt to use Negroes as "catpaws for their revolutionary aims."

## Mural to Labor Dept.



Standing before the mural painted by Edward Schoenberger and donated to the Dept. of Labor by the United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers (AFL) are (l. to r.) union president Max Zaritsky, Sec. of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach and Asst. Sec. of Labor Phil Hanna, former Secretary of the Ohio Federation of Labor. Life-sized full color reproductions are available at union headquarters in New York. (Fed. Pix.)

## Here's How Your Congressmen And Senators Voted!

By "OBSERVER"

Records of California representatives and senators in the last session of Congress are presented in the special fall election supplement in the September 23 issue of the New Republic.

## Important Federation Proposals

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In conformity with the decision of the 44th Annual Convention of the California State Federation of Labor, nine resolutions have been mailed to the affiliated organizations for their information and for the necessary and appropriate action to be taken upon them.

These resolutions call for the adoption of a program to bring about proper AFL identification of the unions through showing their AFL affiliation; condemnation of the municipal sales tax and opposition to the levying of such taxes in the respective communities; reduction in the work week and the need of the unions to fight for the achievement of this aim. The organizations are asked to be vigilant in stopping dissemination of Communist and fascist propaganda in the schools in their respective localities; to assist in enforcing the Unfair List, especially the Pacific Press, Inc., one of the largest printing plants west of Chicago, which adamantly refuses to accede to the union shop and which is engaged in publishing vicious anti-labor propaganda; to request the official termination of the war; and to ensure adequate protection for their members by having the employers maintain adequate safety programs. Political activation of union members is urged, the affiliated organizations being requested to conduct educational programs that will induce their membership to take a more active interest in legislative matters and to contact their legislators whenever necessary in opposing anti-labor legislation and supporting legislation in favor of labor. Another resolution stresses the need to mobilize labor's vote by campaigning systematically among the membership on the importance of discharging their obligation as citizens to go to the polls on election day.

In sending these resolutions to the affiliated organizations, Secretary Haggerty requests that they do everything possible to attain the objectives contained in the resolutions.

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## The Enemy at Home

Upper East Tennessee Labor News (Johnson City Central Labor Union), concluding a review of Donald Nelson's new book, Arsenal of Democracy: "We have seen enough and read enough to know that the American labor movement faces just as deadly opposition to our ideals right here in America as we have faced from any school of thought from overseas. We have only to look at the work of pressure groups during the last Congress, and their efforts to cut down the workingman's legal rights to realize that this condition does exist. Then we have only to read the true inside facts as Mr. Nelson has presented them to know that the criticisms management leveled against labor unions during the war were nothing but a pack of barefaced lies interwoven with greedy scheming..."



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

### "MY COUNTRY, RIGHT"—PERIOD

One of the most vicious doctrines ever preached is the "my country, right or wrong" business. If that attitude is right for an American, then it is right for the citizen of any other country. It was "right," for example, for the Germans to support the Nazi warlords in their war of conquest; for the Japanese people to back their imperialist butchers; for the Italians to help Mussolini slaughter Ethiopians, Albanians and Greeks.

The new patriotism should be: "my country, RIGHT"—period. Even in a republic, an elected government, against the will of the majority, can plunge the country into an unjust war of aggression. It has been done scores of times.

The people who inhabit a nation are morally responsible for the actions of their government, whether that government is democratic or dictatorial. No aggressive dictatorship could survive in any country if the big majority of the people decided resolutely to end it. No war of aggression against a neighboring country could be waged if the people of the aggressor nation went on a sit-down strike.

There will never be peace in the world until the common people of every country refuse to aid a war of conquest against neighboring countries. Jingoistic nationalism, which dictates that one must support his government—no matter how wrong that government may be—is the curse of this planet.

### SUPPORT FEPC INITIATIVE!

On the ballot in the November 5 election will be a proposition calling for Fair Employment Practice in the state of California. It provides that job discrimination toward persons because of race, color or religious belief shall be illegal in this state. Every fair-minded citizen should support this measure. We live in a political democracy, but if whites refuse to hire negroes, Gentiles refuse to hire Jews, Catholics refuse to hire Protestants (and vice versa in all such cases), then we certainly do not have economic democracy. The argument is raised that such a law is unenforceable—that discrimination will be resorted to in more subtle ways, that it will be just another unheeded law to clutter up the statute books.

But the law cannot help but have a good effect in the long run. It focuses public attention on the evil of discrimination and provides machinery to deal with it when it appears in the open. The very fact that such a law exists will do much to correct the present situation.

The United States cannot become a true democracy until there is equality of economic opportunity for all its citizens. Adoption of the FEPC initiative is a step forward.

### SIDELIGHTS ON OUR 'DEMOCRACY'

It takes less votes to elect 22 congressmen from South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi than it does to elect one congressman from Illinois.

In violation of the 14th amendment of the Constitution, South states get 25 more congressmen than they should.

In 1944 eight South states, with a population of over 24 million, cast only 3 million votes and had 96 electoral votes. In the same year California cast over 3 million votes and had only 25 electoral votes.

The Constitution charges Congress with the task of reapportioning congressional districts following each 10-year census. Congress has the power to whip the states into line on the matter of proper districting, but it perennially fails to do anything. For instance, in Illinois one congressional district has about 112,000 residents, and another has over 900,000. This setup gives the former 9 times more voice in the government than the latter!

### YEP, LIARS DO FIGURE!

Big employers tell us: (1) Labor costs, forced on them by those terrible unions, are so high they can't make any money; (2) unreasonable demands by unions are interfering with free enterprise. Well, let's analyze a typical industry:

Take farm machinery firms: In 1936 the Federal Trade Commission reported to Congress that when a farmer spends a dollar for a tractor only 6 cents of it went to pay worker wages.

So far as "free enterprise" is concerned, the monopoly trend in this industry is such that only 6 firms control 80 per cent of the business.

So far as not being able to make any money is concerned, the recent report of the Smaller War Plants Corporation to the Senate shows that in 1944 alone, the International Harvester Company made operating profits of \$54 million!

Question: How often do you find facts like this in your favorite daily newspaper?

## YOUR JOB and the LAW

By JACK ABBOTT

### Violations Increase

The administrator of the wage-hour and public contracts division of the Labor Dept. reports half the establishments inspected during the fiscal year ending June 1 had violated overtime, minimum wage, or child labor provisions of the wage-hour and public contracts acts. Back pay to the tune of \$13,360.00 was paid to 271,000 employees from 17,000 employers. Substantial violations of the record-keeping provisions of the act were found in 26 per cent of the inspected plants, and 20 per cent of the employers had failed to pay the minimum wage of 40c per hour.

### Ability to Pay

A company's alleged inability to pay a wage award is no defense if the pay rates are below those paid in the area or in the same or comparable industries. So rules a fact-finding board appointed to investigate a dispute between Western Union and AFL and CIO unions in the telegraph industry.

Only where the rates demanded are higher than that is inability to pay relevant, according to the board. It is estimated that the NLRB recommendations will cost the company some \$16,000,000 annually. But, says the NLRB, if inability to pay were the only question it would mean that inefficient firms would get bargain rates on labor, and that employees would be making up the losses out of their own pockets.

### Veterans' Merit Ruling

An arbitrator has just decided (Ace Mfg. Corp.) that veterans are entitled to increases equal to those received by average employees for merit during the veterans' absence. The theory is that if the veteran had remained on the job and not joined the armed services he would have received such increases because he would have performed at least as well as the average employee.

## Clip and Keep UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

### SERIES VII

28. Q—If I go to another state and become unemployed can I claim unemployment insurance from California?

A—If a California worker is unemployed while residing in another state, he should follow exactly the same procedure as though he were still in the State of California, namely: Register for work with the public employment service and file a claim against California with the unemployment compensation division of the other state.

29. Q—Can I file a claim against California if I become unemployed after moving to Canada?

A—Yes. A claim against California may be filed in any state, Alaska, Hawaii, District of Columbia or the Dominion of Canada provided you have sufficient wage credits.

30. Q—What if I can qualify for benefits in two states because I worked long enough in each state to establish a right to benefits?

A—A claimant living in California who is eligible for benefits must exhaust his California claim first. A claimant who has insurance rights in two or more states and no further rights in California, shall claim insurance first from the state in which he first acquired available benefit credits. When these credits are exhausted, he may claim insurance from the state where he next earned available benefit credits.

31. Q—Will the California Department of Employment help me file a claim for unemployment insurance against other states?

A—Yes.

### How to Kill a Union

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. But if you come—come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and members.
5. Never accept an office, it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee—but if you are, don't attend the committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion on some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the union is run by a clique.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

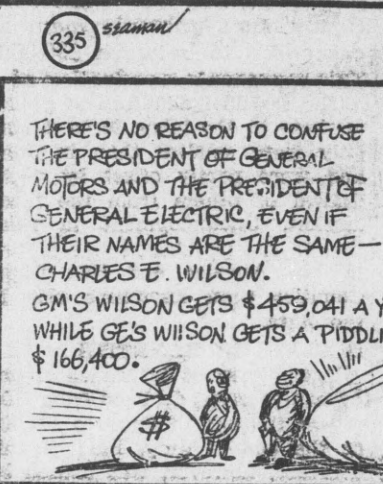


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BANKRUPTCIES ARE AT AN ALL-TIME LOW... ONLY 810 IN 1945 COMPARED WITH 22,900 IN 1932.



THE BOOM YEAR OF 1929.



GM'S WILSON GETS \$459,041 A YEAR—WHILE GES WILSON GETS A 'PIDDING' \$166,400.

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Here is an unusually useful new book by two distinguished instructors of the Department of Economics, Government and History at the U.S. Military Academy—one that every serious student of foreign affairs will want to have on hand continuously for reference. It is a factual study of the governments of leading foreign powers including Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, the Soviet Union and Japan. A concluding section of the book, "Toward World Security," discusses the prospects of unifying these widely varying economies and ideologies into a structure committed to the preservation of world peace.

I don't believe that I have run across such a workmanlike job of presenting the historical background and governmental development of each of the countries discussed, and in each case the authors compress their information in about 50 pages. Maps, graphs, charts and photographs greatly enhance the value of this work.

Some idea of how thorough the coverage is, despite the compact form in which the data is presented, may be gained by the chapter headings on the government of Great Britain: Background and Structure; British Constitution; Executive Organization; Legislative Organization; Political Parties; Judicial Organization; Local Government; Civil Rights; The British Empire Commonwealth; Armed Forces; Foreign Policy.

The whole job is done objectively and without propaganda and personal prejudice, so far as I could

observe. Definitely a "must" for the library of anyone interested in foreign affairs, and who shouldn't be in these jittery days?

—AL. SESSIONS.

JOHN DONAR: COMMON MAN, by Walter and Elizabeth Cousins Rogers. Published by Victory Library, P.O. Box 1294, New Orleans 10, Louisiana. (40% discount to Union and Veteran groups who take a carton of 30 books, to retail at \$2-group profits, \$24.)

The story of a union man who worked in every industry in the United States from coast to coast, is told graphically in this, the first book of Walter and Elizabeth Cousins Rogers. It gives the exciting highlights of the uphill, victorious struggle of American labor during the past 20 years. Its story provides many pointers useful in current organizing drives.

The writers, who have also published their book, are both strong New Orleans unionists and veterans. Walter served with a First Division machine gun platoon during World War I. He is a member of Local 406, Operating Engineers, AFL. As a vice-president of the Nat'l. Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires, he helped found the first deep-South Union Labor Post of the American Legion. He is active in New Orleans labor-veteran efforts to restore OPA.

His wife, Elizabeth, assists. She served overseas with the YMCA; she is a member of an office workers union.

Although the Rogers have produced many labor pamphlets during the past years, JOHN DONAR: COMMON MAN is their first full-fledged book. Union and veteran groups can obtain copies at a substantial discount, as noted above. —J. L. P.

## Know Your Rights Under State Compensation Act If Injured on the Job!

The law is compulsory for every employer within the scope of the Act. Employers may insure either through the State Fund, or with private insurance firms. In most cases, public employers and political subdivisions must also ensure. Small farmers may be exempted and most of them are outside the law.

Full coverage of occupational diseases is carried. Measure of compensation depends on degrees of partial disability or total disability.

In California the system carries a death benefit for widows and children. The maximum benefit for the widow only is 61% per cent of the wages and is the same if she has children. Total maximum is \$6000, less disability payments if death occurs more than one year after injury.

Maximum per cent of wages for minimum benefits for permanent total disability is 61% per cent, which can be paid for life, although after 240 weeks, benefits are reduced to 40 per cent of average weekly wages. The minimum payments per week are \$6.50 and the maximum \$30. For permanent partial disability, maximum percent of wages paid is 61% for a maximum period of 240 weeks; thereafter if disability is over 60 per cent, life pension of from 1 to 40 per cent of average earnings.

For temporary total disability, maximum percent of wages paid is 61% per cent for 240 weeks, with minimum set at \$6.50 and maximum at \$30.

Here is schedule of number of weeks for which compensation is payable for specified injuries: Loss of arm at shoulder, 220 to 240; hand, 160 to 180; thumb, 36 to 40; first finger, 28 to 32; second finger, 20 to 24; little finger, 12 to 16; leg, 240; foot, 160; great toe, 32; other toe, 8; sight of an eye, 80; hearing (1 ear), 40; hearing, both ears, 160. Under the California law full medical aid must be provided the injured worker as required, without time or limit.

The worker must wait 7 days before receiving payments and benefits. Workmen's compensation in California is administered through the Industrial Accident Commission. In a recent year some 14,000 original compensation claims were handled. About \$10 million a year is awarded in compensation cases, in addition to medical benefits given.

NOTE: Workmen's compensation insurance must be carried by all employers even if there is only one employee who works—either full or part-time. Check into this and see if you are being properly covered. If not, call it at once to the attention of the Industrial Accident Commission, which has main offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

### PARTISAN ORIENTALS

SOLDIER: How about the Chinese girls?  
SAILOR: I found that they're all Democrats.

SOLDIER: What do you mean?  
SAILOR: Every time I took one out she said, "No Dewey."

### PHILOSOPHIC ABOUT IT

Two old women were having a heart-to-heart chat. One said to the other, "So you're troubled with constipation, too, are you? What do you take?"

"Oh, well," answered the other, "I just takes me knitting."  
EVERY DAY OCCURRENCE  
Then there was the lumberjack who had gone for treatment of a rheumatic condition acquired while working in rain and snow.

"Doc, the pain is terrible when I bend over, put my hands down below my knees, then straighten up and bring them above my hips," said the woodsman.

"Well, then," commented the medico, nonchalantly, "why do you make such silly movements?"

"Silly, my eye!" exclaimed the lumberjack. "How else would I get my pants on?"

### HAD TO DRAW THE LINE

An old codger fell for an ad for a medicinal "youth-restorer." Following the directions, he took six pills and went to bed.

Next morning his family had difficulty in waking him. After a fierce struggle they finally managed to rouse him, only to hear him say:

"I'll get up, but I'll be damned if I'll go to school!"

### THE GOOD OLD STUFF

"You're from Kentucky," a fellow said to another the other day, "so you ought to be an authority on pretty women, fast horses and good whiskey." The other fellow agreed to the fact that he was from Kentucky. "Tell me," the quizzier went on, "how do Kentuckians judge good whiskey?"

The Kentuckian replied, "The only test I know is the one used by some boys who run a still up in the hills. They put a little whiskey in a cup and pass a 20,000 volt current through it. If the current goes through, the whiskey is rejected. If it bubbles fiercely and leaves a deposit of basic slag, alum, arsenic and iron filings, it passes as fair. But if the whiskey chases the current back to the generator, it's considered pretty good stuff."

### TIME MARCHES ON

A very heated bridge game was being played by four society women. The stakes were high and the players were concentrating on their hands when the colored maid of the hostess edged over to the table.

"Miss Smith, it's four-thirty, which is time for your bath."

Miss Smith turned, but kept her eyes on her cards. "Really, Gloria, I can't leave the game just now. Suppose we pass it up for today?"

"But, Miss Smith," objected the maid, frowning, "this is the twelfth day you passed it up."

### WELL-MATED COUPLE

A certain Mr. and Mrs. were on the pan, being sizzled to a crisp by the people at the party.

"Oh, her—" remarked one of the women. "Why, she'd spend her last cent on a dress."

"Well," commented one of the men, "that gives them something in common. Because he'd spend his last dollar on a skirt."

### REASSURING ENOUGH

"I'm a bit worried about my wife," says Guy Middleton. "She was talking in her sleep, and saying: 'No, Frank, no, Frank.'"

"Well, what are you worrying about?" demands his friend. "She said 'No,' didn't she?"

### New Engineers 39 Covers All N. Cal.

Stationary Engineers Local 39, with a large, new jurisdiction over Northern California from Fresno to Oregon, is getting its schedule and facilities lined up in good shape, union officers reported last week.

The local was recently given the entire jurisdiction, replacing several smaller units in various cities. Main offices will be located in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, and Stockton. Officers are Frank Brantley, president, N. J. Carman, secretary, and C. C. Fitch, business manager.

Meeting schedule is as follows: Sacramento, 2nd Tues.; Stockton, 2nd Wed.; Modesto, 2nd Thurs. San Francisco, 2nd Sat.; Oakland, 3rd Mon.; San Jose, 3rd Tues.; Salinas, 3rd Wed. Fresno time not yet set.

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## AFL Cuts Tie With CIO For Registration

San Francisco, Calif.

San Francisco's greatest non-partisan political effort, the 2-year-old Citizens' committee on Registration, which helped to get out the vote regardless of party, collapsed here when the AFL refused to continue participation "in any activity side by side with the CIO."

The AFL representative on the committee, Theodore White, said his action was based on instructions arising from the current AFL drive against the CIO in California.

Previously protests against inviting participation of the American Veterans Committee almost wrecked the organization until a compromise proposal permitted inviting all veterans' organizations.

The committee, originally sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is credited with having brought San Francisco's election rolls to an all-time high of 413,000.

## Employer Offensive?

The Big Business magazine Mill & Factory, in a recent survey of 1000 manufacturers, asked: "Are your employees less productive now than before the war?" Of course it was a negative, anti-labor query. The answers reported by the magazine were 55 per cent yes; 35 per cent unchanged and only 10 per cent more productive.

But those that reported a drop in productivity blamed that on the "general indifference" of labor and charged "featherbedding."

Such an attitude could be explained by a plan by business to move into an intensified fight against labor and, of course, unions.

## That Shiny New Car's Going to Cost You Plenty

Washington, D.C.

Henry Ford and his boys are beneficiaries of OPA's new "revised hardship formula," OPA said, in announcing a 6% increase in price ceilings for Ford-built cars.

The company, it appears, applied for the boost because "under former ceiling prices the company was in an overall loss position with little prospect of change in the near future." Other manufacturers may apply for the same, OPA says.

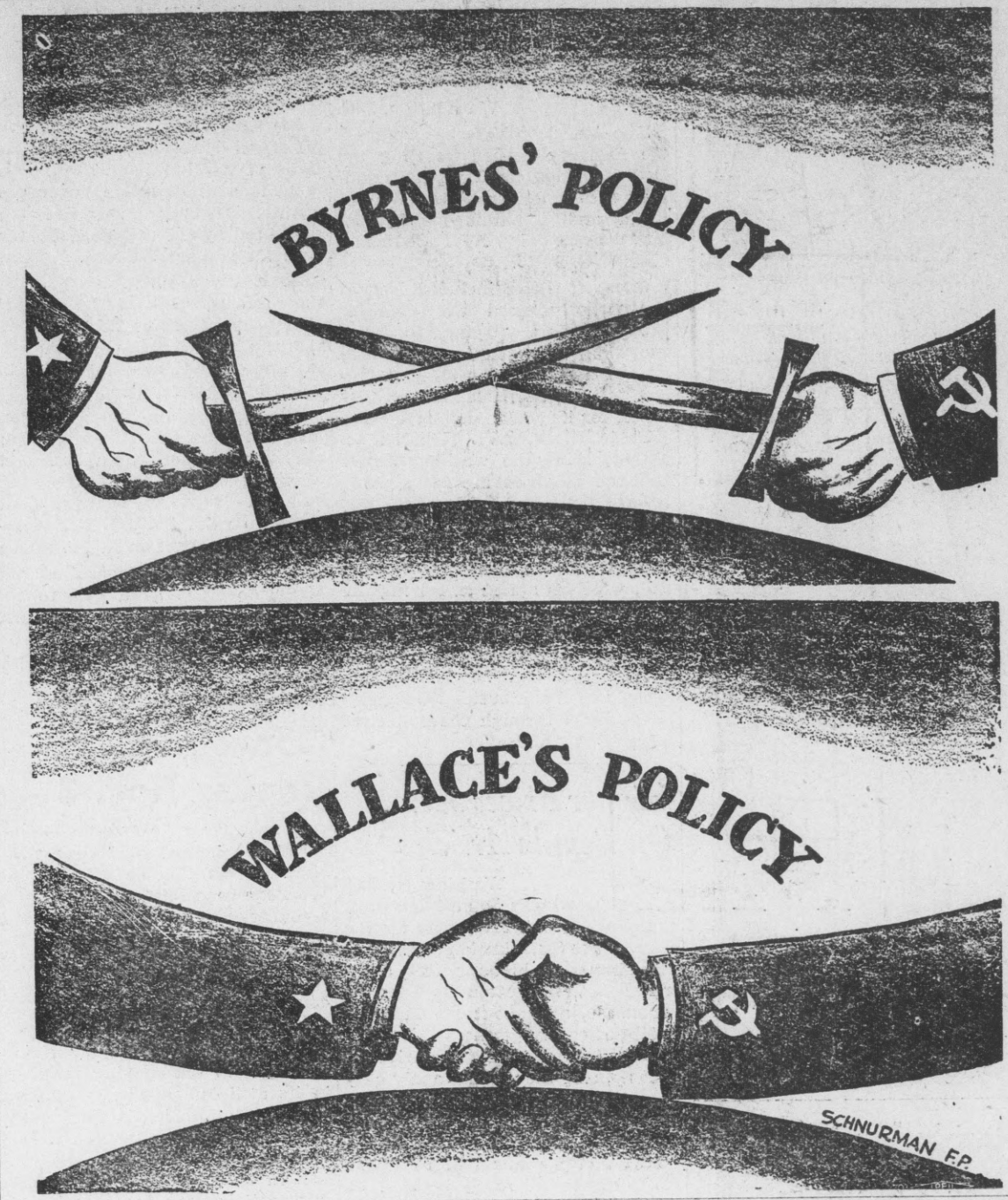
## Alfange Scores Massacring Of Palestine Jews

New York City.

Charging that British policy in Palestine was currently undertaking a campaign to disarm Jews, on the one hand, while supplying Arab military cliques with weapons, on the other, Dean Alfange, chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee of Greater New York, called upon the United States to "avert the impending wholesale massacre of defenseless Jews for which the British have cunningly prepared a part of their policy of divide and conquer."

Mr. Alfange accused the British administration in Palestine of "closing its eyes to a widespread trafficking in arms" carried out among Arab nationalists. He stated that, in a number of cases, British officers and security police were not only aiding the illegal arms traffic, but were actually at the head of it.

## Choice Is Yours! . . . . . Schnurman



## IT'S A LIE!

By MARTY SOLOW

Last week we wrote an item on the slickly-edited, slickly-written clip sheet, Industrial Press Service, which the NAM graciously distributes to thousands of editors. We called attention to the clip-sheet's use of the outright lie and the half truth to peddle the NAM propaganda line. Here are more samples of humbug from the NAM's Industrial Press Service:

August 12: "American families making \$5000 or less per year hold 64 per cent of the nation's total savings or other liquid assets."

**HUMBUG!** NAM propaganda tries hard to make it appear that American wealth is widely and equitably distributed. But a Natl. Survey of Liquid Assets published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board shows that 50 per cent of the people who make less than \$2000 own only 3 per cent of the aggregate liquid assets in the country while the top 20 per cent own "77 per cent of all liquid assets."

August 19: NAM story headlined "GOVT. PROPAGANDA MILL COSTS PUBLIC \$75 MILLION A YEAR." Story indicates that this money is being spent to "sell" government policies and programs to the people.

**MORE HUMBUG!** Budget Bureau figures show that part of above funds are spent for various information services, for OPA price sheets, for advice to farmers, mothers, etc.

August 5: "People in all walks of life—and a great many of them at that—own America's great corporations."—NAM.

**STILL MORE HUMBUG!** Corporations are controlled by tightly knit groups. Senate report on ECONOMIC CONCENTRATION AND WORLD WAR II shows that only 10,000 persons own 25 per cent of all corporate stock and only 75,000 own 50 per cent of all stock. Three family groups—the DuPonts,

the Rockefellers—have shareholdings valued at \$1.5 billion which directly or indirectly give control over 15 of largest 200 corporations.

The report states that: "The relatively few giant corporations of the country which have come to dominate our entire economy, are themselves largely owned by a few thousand stockholders and by a mere handful of huge financial interests."

Who called that NAM swindle-sheet a clip-sheet?

## Women Shown In Favor of Grade Labeling System

New York City.

Many women would quit buying their favorite brands of food products and buy according to grade if all were so labeled. This is revealed in a survey recently conducted for Grocery Manufacturers of America.

The question, "If products were divided into various grades, would you still buy your favorite brands however they were graded?" was rigged to get an affirmative reply.

Yet 37% of the 2000 women leaders questioned answered no, only 34% yes. Others didn't know or didn't answer.

The 2000 included teachers, homemakers, business and professional women, rural extension leaders, editors, home economists, and others. Three-fourths of them said that a good descriptive label could persuade them to try a new product, reports Advertising Age.

Seventy-three percent not only had heard of grade labeling but were able to tell what it means. Of the teachers, 83% knew what government grade labels are, but apparently they hadn't passed this knowledge along to their students for only 62% of 20,000 surveyed gave a relevant answer.

The company you keep makes you what you are, while the company you seek makes it appear what you would like to be.



"Due to circumstances beyond my control, a reduction in your allowance will become effective immediately as of a month ago," Mr. Dilworth announced.

"Your grammar stinks and you've got your tenses all mixed up," Little Luther told him.

"But you understand me, don't you?" his old man demanded.

"Oh, yes, I understand you," Little Luther agreed. "And due to circumstances beyond my control, I will quit doing household tasks and errands effective immediately two months ago."

"Nonsense, my boy, you can't NOT do something you've already done."

"Oh, can't not I?" said Little Luther. "Then neither can you change my pay in the future for something I've already done."

"Oh, yes, I can," said Mr. Dilworth. "I haven't paid you yet. Remember, you trusted me for four weeks allowance? Well, as a good parent, I'm trying to prepare you for the big world you'll have to go into when you leave him, so I'm cutting your allowance retroactively."

"As a parent, you'd make a good president of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers," Little Luther suggested.

"Luther," said Mr. Dilworth, "I'll tan your hide."

"Just make it retroactive," said the boy, "and consider that you did it a month ago."

**AFL, CIO Split Control of Two A-Bomb Plants**

Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

In a runoff election among atom bomb workers at three plants here, the AFL and CIO won one plant each, while the third rejected union representation.

The vote, climaxing a heated campaign in which a previous NLRB election failed to show decisive results, revealed that workers at Monsanto Chemical Co. favored the AFL, those at Carbide & Carbon Chemical Corp. endorsed the CIO, while the Tennessee Eastman Corp. voted against both unions.

## Auto Profits To Be Great, Survey Finds

Detroit, Michigan.

Profits of auto manufacturers, already looming large, "now will be increased by the sale in finish-cars of materials already paid for," a high union official told OPA Chief Paul A. Porter on learning of further boosts in car price ceilings by the OPA.

Shortages of materials, he added, will hold car production down to about the 1940 level after the new prices go in effect. Profits in 1940 were substantial, he reminds the OPA.

**50 PER CENT JUMP** "Since 1940," the official says, "auto prices have been increased about 48% (not counting the latest Ford raises). Wage rates have been raised about 35% and material costs by less than 25%.

In view of that, how can the OPA seriously believe that the industry cannot equal 1940 profits with the anticipated 1940 volume. And it should be remembered that industry still retains the lushly generous provisions of the tax laws which permit reduced profits to be written off at government expense."

In UAW circles the continuing rise in price of cars is causing anxiety lest not enough buyers can be found to absorb production, once the first cream has been skimmed off the market. It is ventured there that the recent stock market crash was due, in addition to many other factors, principally to the panic caused among shrewd investors when the Federal Reserve Bank report on holdings of war bonds and savings accounts was published.

**FEAR OF THE FUTURE** That report shows 60 per cent of bonds and savings held by only 10 per cent of the people. Instead of ownership being widely distributed, especially in the lower income brackets, the bank survey revealed that the low brackets held virtually no bonds and the brackets immediately above had very few.

Substantial bond holdings had been counted on by stock market speculators for heavy consumer purchases with corresponding profits to corporations and further rise in their stocks in Wall Street.

**INFLATION BOGEY HIT AT CONFAB**

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Delegates to the 61st Indiana Federation of Labor convention here gave thunderous applause to a warning that inflation is "being used as a bugaboo to frighten labor away from further wage increase demands."

The speaker was Abe Plotkin, Chicago representative of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL). "American workers will not again go through the tortures of 1933 in the midst of plenty," he said. "Free enterprise will not stand to be on trial a second time. If we come to such a pass, free enterprise will crash. There is no road back—only forward."

Similar notice that labor would demand higher wages without increases in prices was served by James A. Brownlow, once president of the Colorado Federation of Labor and now secretary-treasurer of the AFL Metal Trades Dept. "The greatest single danger to the free enterprise system," he declared, "is another depression. It would undermine the confidence of businessmen in themselves and in the system. Big business should face the facts now."

Plotkin lashed out savagely at Gov. Ralph F. Gates (R.), who had addressed the convention earlier. "When a governor uses troops to break a union picketline—I care not whether it be AFL or CIO—that governor is an enemy of the workers," he said, referring to Gates' use of the state guard in August to break up a CIO picketline around the Rex Mfg. Co. in Connorsville.

**There Ought to Be Enough Socks to Go Around Soon, Gals**

Washington, D.C.

Picketline Priscilla will not have to go barelegged this winter if the present hosiery output is properly distributed said Herbert Rose, textile division director of Civilian Production Administration.

Women's stocking production through July reached almost 350 million pairs, of which 200 million were nylon, 115 million rayon, 28 million cotton and wool, and 2.5 million silk, CPA said. This means an average of one pair of hose monthly for every American woman and girl over 14.

Silk stocking production may easily reach 3 million pairs monthly by Christmas, CPA said, as it reported a drop of certain grades of silk hose from a \$3.50 price in May to \$2.75 in September.

## the WASHINGTON SCENE



## ARE CARTELISTS SHAPING UP FOREIGN POLICY FOR U. S.?

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

Washington, D. C.

In any sober consideration of American foreign affairs, particularly in connection with the Wallace-Byrnes feud, it would be well to consider who makes U. S. foreign policy.

Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) who is a millionaire several times over, believes, he says, that most students of the American scene "concede that Big Business already dominates the nation, both in its domestic and international affairs."

Thurman Arnold, former "trust buster" of the U. S. Dept. of Justice, has charged publicly and without successful contradiction that less than 4 per cent of all our manufacturing corporations earn 84 per cent of all the net profits of manufacturing corporations in America." He adds that "one-tenth of 1 per cent of all our corporations earn more than 50 per cent of our total corporate net income."

And that includes corporations other than manufacturers.

**"THE END RESULT"** If the profit-makers are shaping American foreign policy, as charged by two men, whose records prove them to be articulate advocates of the competitive, free-enterprise system, and this policy is attached to the tail of British imperialistic policy abroad, what will be the end result?

No less an expert than Columnist Walter Lippmann, who cannot be called radical in any honest company, said that "collectivism in industry (i.e., monopoly) begets collectivism in government."

Lippmann points out that if carried to extremes, this monopolistic policy will bring about the downfall of the economy upon which American business has been nurtured—the right to take a chance and make a profit.

**WHAT DO WE FEAR?** One of the factors the cartels fear most today is the Soviet Union and the soviet system—and Big Business does its best to form a foreign policy to hurt, damage or destroy the Soviet Union and the soviet system. Which may help explain the Byrnes foreign policy that Henry Wallace is attacking.

Lippmann points out also that there is a question about how well Byrnes is doing his job in Paris as the chief U. S. exponent of American policy abroad.

**"Are we sure,"** Lippmann asks, "that Mr. Byrnes is well advised, since he must make American high policy, to sweat it out through exhausting days with men who do not have anything like his burden of ultimate responsibility?"

And, it may be asked further, does Truman fully realize just how far Byrnes has been going on his own hook in Paris?

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**Wallace Ouster Remindful Of Ickes Bouncing**

Washington, D.C.

The firing of Henry A. Wallace by Pres. Truman recalls the resignation of Interior Sec. Harold L. Ickes last Feb. 13.

Ickes, like Wallace, an original Roosevelt New Dealer, fought Truman over the appointment of Oilman Edwin W. Pauley as undersecretary of the Navy.

When Pauley's name came up, Ickes testified that the oilman had sought to use political pressure to stop a federal suit over petroleum lands.

Truman had asked Ickes to "be as gentle as you can" when testifying about Pauley and Ickes snorted this was "an open invitation to perjury."

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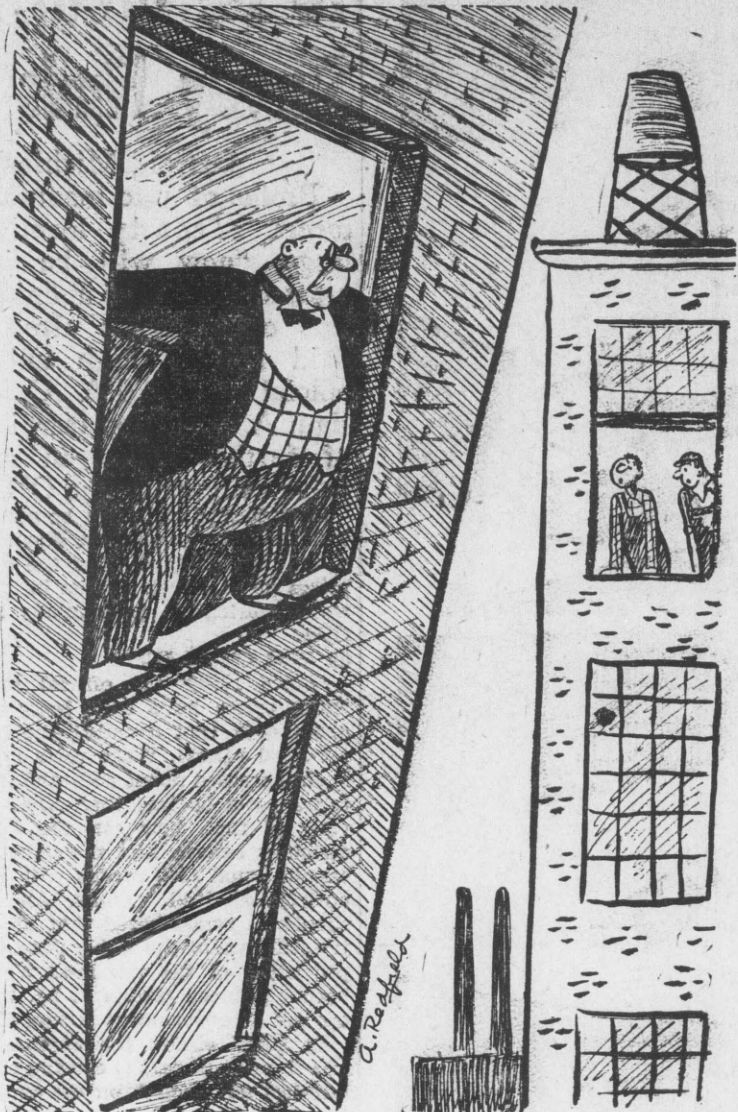
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Senator Morse of Oregon, who is well known in California where he has acted as arbitrator at various times in employer-employee disputes and who is the former dean of the law school of the University of Oregon, made the above statement at a press conference at San Francisco.

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# Ousting of Wallace Reminder That Death of Roosevelt Was Calamity; Bungling Strengthens Republicans

By "OBSERVER"

President Truman has proved beyond question that he is vacillating and politically incompetent. Several of his "Missouri" appointments have been bad. His method of handling the railroad strike was bunglesome, unnecessary and made him many enemies among union railroad men. He was in the wrong in the Pauley controversy when he forced Harold Ickes out of the cabinet.

His entire handling of the Wallace-Byrnes beef was juvenile. (1) Wallace sent him a letter clearly outlining his disagreement with State Department policy. (2) We have no record of Truman disagreeing with Wallace. (3) Wallace makes a speech in New York embodying the theme of his letter. (4) In a newspaper interview, Truman tells reporters Wallace's speech had his approval. (5) In a subsequent newspaper interview Truman, wilting under the heat, says he was misunderstood—that he did not approve Wallace's views, but merely the RIGHT of Wallace to express them publicly. (6) Truman has a two-hour confab with Wallace, and Wallace afterwards tells the newspapermen that Truman had asked him to refrain from similar speeches and public comment until after the Paris conference of foreign ministers. (7) After a 20-minute teletype confab with Secretary of State Byrnes, Truman announces that he has asked Wallace to resign.

If that isn't a record of confusion, befuddlement, incompetence, gee-hawing and back-tracking, we wouldn't know how to describe it.

And now the last cabinet connection with the old FDR New Deal tradition is gone. The men now surrounding Truman, with the possible exception of Schwelmbach, are infinitely inferior in character, understanding, intelligence and humanitarian idealism to the types which Roosevelt picked to assist him—Perkins, Hopkins, Ickes, Wallace, Hull, Morgenthau, Tugwell.

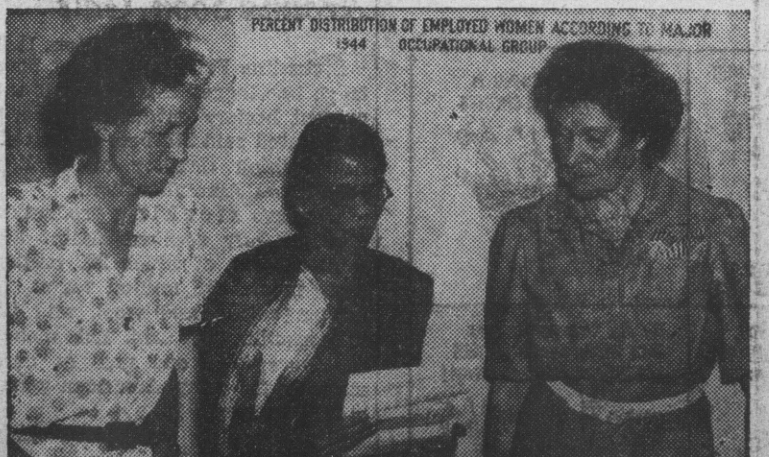
Worst of all, in his ousting of Wallace, the President has abjectly surrendered to the "get tough" element in our State Department whose present foreign policy is the underwriting of British imperialism as a means of "stopping Russia." This is in direct contradiction to the policy of Franklin D. Roosevelt which brought Big Three unity during the war and held the greatest promise of projecting it into the post-war period.

During the last six months, Mr. Truman has unwittingly been the best campaigner for Republican victory in the fall congressional elections. The dumping of Ickes, the egregiously mishandled railroad strike, and now the ousting of Wallace have piled up so much resentment and disgust in labor, liberal and radical ranks that the slight but decisive majorities needed for victory by liberal and pro-labor candidates in dozens of key congressional districts may be in jeopardy.

The Wallace debacle, however, is perhaps the worst of all. Among progressives, liberals and rank-and-file unionists Wallace has long typified the best (next to Roosevelt) that the Democratic Party has had to offer the "one-third who are ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed." There never was a cause dear to Organized Labor's heart that Wallace failed to espouse. While other New Dealers were falling by the wayside, Wallace kept his chin up, his hopes high, his ideals unfaded, his faith in the "little people" refreshed, his vision of "one world" at peace undimmed.

There are millions of people in the United States who feel that if Wallace insists on being critical of the foreign policy of Byrnes and the State Department, it must be for a very good reason. They know that Wallace has amply demonstrated his concern for the welfare of the common people, and they have far more confidence in the corn-fed progressive from Iowa than they have in the poll-tax, white-primary gentleman from South Carolina.

It is unfortunate that Wallace was not chosen as our Secretary of State in the first place. We make the flat statement that had he been in that position the last few years, the Bear, Lion and Eagle would not be growling and screeching at one another today. Wallace, more than any other surviving associate, knows and understands the "good neighbor" foreign policy of the late President, and would have had the guts to carry it out. It is a national tragedy that ability and vision should be exiled and mediocrity enthroned.



Mrs. Krishnabai Wagh, Lady Investigator, Labor Office, Government of Bombay, India, comparing notes with Miss Constance Williams (left), Chief of Research Division, and Miss Mary V. Robinson (right), Chief of Public Services Division of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor.

# VETS START DRIVE FOR A MILLION

Washington, D.C.

The American Veterans Committee formally opened its Ring the Bell campaign for 1 million members with a dinner at the Willard Hotel and a nationwide Mutual broadcast by AVC Chairman Charles G. Bolte.

Guest speakers included Kermit Eby who warned the veterans group against "trying to solve everything by resolution." Declaration of a stand, he said, is worthless unless an organization actively works for its declared objectives.

Peter Henle, AFL research assistant, said "the working people and the veterans are all striving toward the same goal—peace and progress." Organized labor, he said, is particularly active in supporting the Wagner-Elender-Taft Housing Bill, which is aimed at solving the veterans No. 1 need.

"The only way by which the pious declarations of the Selective Service Act can be turned into actual bread and butter job rights," he said, "is through the 'collective bargaining process.'"

# Higher Prices Seen On Textile Articles

Washington, D.C.

The award of a 5c an hour wage increase to textile workers by the Natl. Wage Stabilization Board will be reflected in higher prices, averaging 2% in cotton textiles at wholesale, and about 1% in retail prices of cotton garments.

OPA, in announcing the price increases, said they would apply only to mills paying the higher wage rate.

Cotton bed linens, towels, table cloths and napkins will be about 2.5% higher at retail because of the adjustments, OPA said.

# PRINTER BEEF

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The Amalgamated Lithographers in convention here instructed all locals in the U.S. and Canada not to permit members of the Intl. Printing Pressmen's Union or the Intl. Photo Engravers Union (both AFL) to do any part of offset work.

The Lithographers said the move was taken to protect their jurisdiction from increasing infringements by the AFL unions. The federal circuit court of appeals is expected to conduct hearings soon on an NLRB petition to grant the Lithographers exclusive jurisdiction over all offset workers in the Foot & Davies Co. of Atlanta.

# Joe Louis Gets Into Another Fight; This Time to Battle Bias

New York City.

Joe Louis, fresh from polishing off Tami Mauriello, took on the fight of his life here. He helped launch a nationwide campaign against lynching and poll taxes sponsored by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Louis declared his full support of the conference because he believed "the people back of this organization can help do away with the poll tax and other things that make the going hard for my people."

The meeting, an open-air gathering in the garment district, drew an audience of more than 10,000. It officially opened the conference's Lend-A-Hand-to-Dixiland campaign to raise \$100,000 to combat anti-Negro terrorism in the South.

Joe brought his gloves from the Mauriello fight as a gift to the conference. They will be auctioned off this winter to raise funds.

# Phone Workers Convention At Denver Nov. 3

Washington, D.C.

Data is being gathered by the Natl. Federation of Telephone Workers (unaffiliated) to help set a countrywide bargaining program. This announcement came as the NTFW's official paper called for "a new round of wage increases coupled with controls that will prevent a further rise in prices."

The NTFW, which now claims over 215,000 dues-paying members in its affiliated unions, is studying contracts of its locals to find the extent of the closed shop, checkoff of dues, use of automatic progression in the industry, data on shift differentials, sick leave and common termination dates for agreements.

Preliminary reports on these studies will be sent the membership soon after Oct. 1 by the NTFW bargaining planning committee.

2-week special assembly and convention of the union will be held Nov. 3-16 at Denver, Colo.

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## MINUTES

**Central Labor Council**

Meeting of Monterey Co. Central Labor Union, Sept. 20, 1946, called to order by Pres. Deer at 8 p.m. with a salute to the flag. The roll was called and the absentees were noted. Credentials from the Barbers' Union for Bro. Butler were read and the brother was investigated. Motion was made by Bro. George and seconded by Bro. Shinn, that the delegate be seated. Carried.

**UNION REPORTS**

Barbers—Meeting was held on the 17th. There were two applications for membership. One was approved and the other was held for further investigation.

Carpenters—Reported the death of the secretary, Bro. Taft, one of their charter members. Seven new members were initiated.

Laundry Workers—Held a meeting, initiating three new members. They are going to start a drive to organize all of the Dry Cleaning establishments in this area.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Housing Committee will have plans for a Labor Temple drawn by Bro. Butler and will submit a sketch at the next meeting.

Negotiating Committee reported on the meetings with the Modern Linen Supply Co.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter from the State Federation of Labor read and referred to the Legislative Committee.

Letter from the A.F. of L. read and ordered filed.

Acknowledgement from the family of Bro. Taft read.

Weekly News Letter ordered filed.

Letter from Bro. Agrillo read and ordered filed.

Letter from the A.F. of L. read and ordered filed.

**BILLS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion made by Bro. Everly and seconded by Bro. Borges, that the Modern Linen Supply Co. be cited before the Central Union next Friday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. to show cause why they should not be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Bro. Fenchel and seconded by Bro. Everly that the Legislative Committee revise the By-laws of the Central Labor Union. Carried.

**GOOD & WELFARE**

Motion made by Bro. Everly and seconded by Bro. Fenchel that the delegates stand for a moment in silence for the memory of Bro. Taft. Carried. Motion made by Bro. Fenchel and seconded by Bro. Walls, that the secy. send a letter to the Carpenters Union in sympathy for their loss of Bro. Taft. Carried. Motion made by Bro. Fenchel and seconded by Bro. Robertson that the Pres. introduce each new delegate to the Central Labor Union and also that each new delegate be given a copy of the by-laws. Carried.

Financial report given by secy. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

**E. L. COURTRIGHT,**  
Secretary.

### Civil Liberty Group Battles Jimcrow Busses

Chicago, Illinois.

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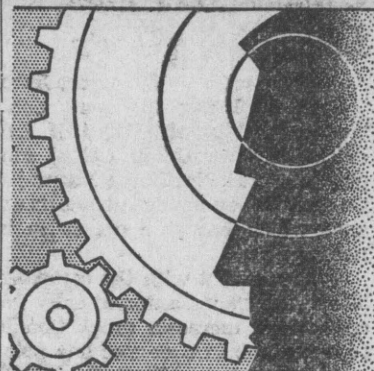
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## Horse-Sparrow Economics Hit By N.J. Editor

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"There must be a more equitable division of the wealth we jointly produce," Herrmann said, "if private enterprise expects the profit system to endure."

Criticizing legislation which awarded large cash payments to war contractors upon cancellation of war work but failed to protect small subcontractors and workers who lost their jobs, Herrmann quoted Natl. Farmers Union Pres. James Patton, who said: "This thing of dribbling prosperity around to the little people at the bottom of the pyramid by liberal payments to the fat-cats at the top of the heap is more like overfeeding the horses so the little sparrows won't starve."

## TROWEL TYROS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Great progress has been made in the past year in expanding apprenticeship in the trowel trades, according to William F. Patterson, director of the U.S. Department of Labor. Speaking to the annual convention of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association here, Mr. Patterson pointed out that the number of local joint union-contractor organization apprenticeship programs in plastering, cement finishing, bricklaying and stone masonry has increased from 131 in December, 1945, to 341 at the end of August.

## Telegraphers Set to Strike if Pay Hike Rejected; Vote 8-1

New York City. Negotiations between the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL) and Western Union opened here as preliminary results of a nationwide C.T.U. poll indicated an 8-1 sentiment for a walkout if the company refuses to meet pay raise demands.

Five Western states and large locals at Detroit and Chicago have overwhelmingly backed the strike move, should it become necessary. The New York district, which comprises 13 states, has not yet completed its tabulation. The union is seeking an average wage increase of 16½¢ an hour. The company has countered with an offer of 12½¢.

## MACHINERY UP

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With industrial scales leading, the prices of general and auxiliary machinery and equipment rose by 7 percent from May 1 through July, it is announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. More than half of the total increase occurred in May, when prices averaged nearly 4 percent above those for April. Since the end of World War II, these prices have risen about 9 percent.

## Headquarters Denies Murray's Resignation

Washington, D. C. A spokesman for Pres. Philip Murray has flatly denied a story carried by the Chicago Daily News and other Knight-owned papers in Detroit, Akron and Miami that he "hopes to resign within the next two months, as president of the CIO."

An unregistered voter is a political zero.

## Here's Railroad Not In Black, Says Vice-P.

Washington, D.C. After the most bustling period in its history, the Pennsylvania Railroad claimed that the first seven months of 1946 find it making "the worst showing that the railroad has ever made in any year."

The statement came from Vice-Pres. Walter S. Franklin of the railroad testifying before the Interstate Commerce Commission in behalf of a freight rate increase of 19.5%.

Franklin said the railroad will have a deficit of almost \$27 million after carry-back tax credits because of a 51% increase in labor costs and a 49% boost in materials.

## Real Salesmanship

A Portland, Oregon, operative knows a young agencyman who belongs to the quick-fire salestalk school. At a party the other day he met a Mr. So-and-so who said that his company might be interested in the services of a good advertising agency. The agencyman hooked onto the prospect's buttonhole and began giving him the business:

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"Yes, but my product . . ."

"We can do a real job for it. We plan, weigh and decide. We figure what media will make it a household word. We dramatize the important facts about it. We give it a personality. We get attention, interest, desire and action. By the way, what is your product?"

"Toothpicks."

A lot of house hunters are getting stuck these days. — AN-DREWS FIELD NEWS.

## Escalator Clause Upholsterers' Pact Licks Living Costs

Dubuque, Iowa. Cost of living increases don't worry members of Local 1861, Upholsterers Intl. Union (AFL) employed at the Northme Furniture Co. here. They have contract insurance which has paid off twice in two months.

By agreement with the company, 300-odd workers automatically receive wage increases proportionate to any climb in excess of one point on the U.S. Labor Dept. Bureau of Statistics living cost index.

A 3-point jump in BLS figures between March 15 and June 15 meant a 3¢ hourly increase in pay received in August. Another jump between June 15 and July 15 brought a 5.8¢ wage increase, effective with Sept. 20 paychecks and amounting to 4½¢ to 6¢ per hour.

## Lathers Cut Workday To Six Hours After Overtime Rejection

Sacramento, Calif. In a protest move against Wage Stabilization Board refusal to grant overtime pay after six hours work, the Intl. Union of Lathers (AFL) here cut its own workday from eight to six hours. They had been receiving \$16 for an 8-hour day and took a \$4 cut to enforce their protest.

In East Bay, lathers want \$3 an hour for a 6-hour day instead of \$2 for eight hours. Plasterers are asking six hours at \$2 and two additional hours at \$4. The WSB refusal covered lathers, plasterers, hodcarriers and bricklayers.

Beware of prejudices. They are like rats, and men's minds are like traps; prejudices get in easily, but it is doubtful if they ever get out. —JEFFREY.

## With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

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To all our members in all areas: In the past our Union has tried to acquaint you with many everyday problems by writing a column in this paper. Your Union touched on your working agreements, the political and economic world surrounding all of us as well as keeping you informed on up to the minute news affecting your Union. This was done through the International Teamster, the A. F. of L. Cannery Reporter and the Monterey County Labor News; and by special bulletins whenever necessary.

Your Union is going to extend this service to include additional activities as far as practicable so that a closer relationship between the Union office, its officers and its membership shall exist. This overall program will include:

1—Veterans Committee. 2—Anti-discrimination Committee. 3—Entertainment and Recreation Committees. 4—A Safety Committee. 5—Promotion and Civic Committees. 6—Child Welfare Committee. 7—Sports Committees. 8—An Educational Committee. 9—A News Committee to keep this column active on the many committees as outlined here. 10—A Sick Committee to extend the present sick plan which has worked wonders for our members to perhaps take in members of their family as well.

All this will take in a large territory, will require a great deal of activity and much of your time. However, the results will compensate a thousand-fold for your efforts in this venture.

If many of these suggestions are carried out, we feel that our Union will be a source of good will and good living for our membership, as well as help the community we live in to a better way of life.

Your Union will from now on, until election time, keep you informed on the labor records of your U. S. Senators and Congressmen as well as your State and Municipal Representatives so that you may be acquainted with their records.

The election of members to the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives this year is of tremendous importance to the membership of the American Federation of Labor. As we progress it may be necessary to organize effectively for the election of labor's friends to Congress and the defeat of its enemies.

TO ALL SPIEGEL FOODS EMPLOYEES: Last week an article appeared in this column on chairs to sit while you work. In speaking to the management of Spiegel Foods Company, some of the conditions we dreamed of may become realities in the near future. We have suggested many times to the company to provide a fine rest room for all women employees. This room should include private lockers. We have discussed with the company the probability of equipping a nursery for our members' children. Your Union will bend every effort to see that every improvement will be made along the lines as outlined here. It is altogether proper to point out that the best relations exist between this company and your Union.

NOTES HERE AND THERE: Betty Green, who worked a long time at Spiegel Foods Company, is now employed at the Jefferey Market on 101 Highway South. She will work with Dorothy Phillips, formerly Dorothy White, who for a long time was a good member of our union and worked at Spiegel Foods Company. Best of luck, girls.

GILROY: Remember your next meeting at our hall in Gilroy on Tuesday, October 8 at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The following received sick benefit checks this week: Mrs. Elsie Patterson, Salinas; Verna Barrett, Salinas; Ben Geary, Salinas; Ernest Bixler, Aromas; Lydia Salazar, Gilroy.

WATSONVILLE: Baker Foods—When you read this shop stewards will no doubt be elected for this new group of workers. We want you to avail yourselves of our office facilities in Watsonville and familiarize yourselves with the working agreement posted on the Union Bulletin Board.

Remember to pay your dues on time in order to be eligible for sick and disability benefits. Wear your union button on the job.

The following stewards are now acting for all of our people at Dempsey and Hudson—Angie Atwood and Harry Clamer. Any grievances or complaints by the company will be handled by these two people.

The women at Dempsey and Hudson should get their nylon orders soon.

Diplomatic training should include a course in how to keep Drew Pearson's nose out of your private files.—LABOR LEADER.

## OAK LAWYER PLEADS FOR INDONESIANS

Oakland, Calif. Seeking a habeas corpus writ for 8 Indonesian workers facing deportation, Clarence Rust, local attorney for the workers' Defense League, cited the Dutch consul's admission that they would be placed in concentration camps upon return to Indonesia because of their sympathies with the Indonesian Republic. This would constitute cruel and unusual punishment, Rust argued. He also mentioned the traditional American policy of granting political asylum.

Rust pointed out that the WDL and the Indonesian League of America had recently succeeded in having a bill introduced in the House to suspend all Indonesian deportations during the Dutch-British war against Indonesia's independence.

The U.S. government has been arresting scores of Indonesians many of whom have been in this country from 10 to 20 years and has threatened to deport them to their country where they will be at the mercy of the Dutch. These roundups follow the 6-month imprisonment of 180 Indonesian seamen who last October refused to man Dutch ships loaded with arms for use against their people.

## Czechs Guard Tin Supplies, Save All Scrap

Prague, Czechoslovakia. Empty tins from UNRRA food are treasured in Czechoslovakia, they contain pewter which is needed for industry and difficult to import. The government has broadcast an appeal to boys and girls throughout the land to collect tins and turn them in at the rate of one food ration point for each 10 tins. To this end, the government has set aside one million ration points.

## New Michigan Labor Weekly Starting Up

Detroit, Mich. The first issue of the Michigan Herald, new progressive labor weekly, is scheduled to appear Oct. 20 as an 8-page tabloid for Detroit and state-wide circulation at 10¢ a copy or \$3 a year. Huge Beiswanger will edit the paper.

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